

WIFE'S BLACK HAIR MARS MARITAL JOY

Husband Admired Red Headed Women, Mrs. Edy the Shoninger Tells Court.

ALSO WANTED PNEUMONIA

Mrs. Edy the Shoninger, a prepossessing brunette of striking figure, told Supreme Court Justice Goff yesterday that one reason for her marriage to Dr. Lee J. Shoninger of 41 West Fifty-fifth street turned out unhappily was because she admired "red haired, flat chested women with long fingers."

Mrs. Shoninger, who is suing for a separation, said she was compelled to leave her husband on February 28 last on account of his repeated cruelties. They were married June 10, 1913, and took a honeymoon trip to Halifax. The plaintiff said her husband was so moody on the trip that she didn't feel that she was his wife at all.

"He told me on the second day of our marriage that he could find happiness only in the society of experienced and worldly women," said Mrs. Shoninger.

Letters written by Mrs. Shoninger while on the wedding trip to her husband's relatives were offered in evidence in her husband's behalf. One letter said: "Lee is everything a woman could ask in a man. I am proud to possess him." She referred to herself and husband in another letter as "happy honeymooners."

Mrs. Shoninger explained that she wrote these letters for the purpose of concealing her disappointment over her husband.

She said her husband told her later that he was Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde and would make her life so miserable that she would hate him. He offered to wage that she would leave him before January 1, 1914. He told her he had spent many days in the hospital because he didn't appeal to him and said: "My stomach is the most important thing in my life to me."

"My husband wouldn't permit me to have children because, he said, they were a nuisance and he didn't want one of the darn brats," testified Mrs. Shoninger. "He periodically complained to me about the divorce laws of New York because they compelled a man to disfigure himself in order to get out of an undesirable relationship."

Mrs. Shoninger said her husband showed a fondness for breaking social engagements to visit chop suey restaurants. He refused to stay at a New Year's party at her home unless his wife sent out and got him and eggs for him, which she did. She testified that when she rented an apartment because she thought her husband was tired of hotel life he said: "This apartment reminds me of a jail cell and that I have to go home every night to the warden and be locked up. It's a hell of an existence for a man."

The plaintiff also said her husband offered her \$10,000 in cash and \$3,750 a year annuity to free him from her. She refused, and on February 12 last, about two weeks before she left him, she went home and found all the windows in their apartment open and the curtains knotted together.

"My husband was stretched out on the bed with not a thing on but a stock and twisted around and said to me, Mrs. Shoninger, 'I asked him what he meant by such actions, and he said he wanted to get pneumonia and die.'"

The case will go on today.

HAS TO PAY WIFE FOR AUTO.

G. F. Stengel Had Held Wedding Gift After They Separated.

NEWARK, Dec. 20.—Vice-Chancellor Howell signed today an order directing George F. Stengel, a wealthy leather manufacturer, to pay his wife, Mrs. Hattie O'Leary Stengel, \$1,500 in payment for an automobile which Stengel took from her when they separated some time ago. The Vice-Chancellor was convinced that the car was purchased as a present for the bride.

Mrs. Stengel recently sued her husband, who is much older than she is, for separate maintenance, alleging cruel treatment. Failing to get witnesses to establish her claim the case was withdrawn last week.

BROKER LOWDEN ON TRIAL.

Charged With a \$75,000 Stock Forgery a Year Ago.

A jury was selected before Judge Nott in General Sessions yesterday for the trial on a charge of forgery of George H. Lowden, for many years a well known figure in the Wall Street district as representative of Ehrlich & Co. brokers, of 67 Exchange place. The indictment was filed on October 7, 1914.

It is alleged that Lowden, who lives in Hempstead and is well known socially, deposited ten bogus 100 share certificates of the Laclede Gas Company of St. Louis as collateral for an account of a supposed customer, Frank A. Weston. Lowden is alleged to have obtained \$75,000 on the certificates.

One witness against Lowden will be a young man who admits the stole the original certificates, which were later forged.

BABY TRAFFIC IN BALTIMORE.

Sensational Social Conditions Shown in Official Report.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20.—Sensational social conditions, involving some of the city's prominent citizens, are disclosed in a report which has been drafted by the Vice Commission appointed three years ago to make an investigation here. A feature of the report deals with traffic in babies.

The investigation was conducted by a staff of men and women who combined report lists the names of a total of 1,200 houses, with addresses in office buildings, hotels and barber shops where there are massage parlors are described as disgraceful.

The organs of "our best people" are also dealt upon. The report will soon be submitted to the Governor and the State Legislature with recommendations for legislation.

MARRY ME, GO TO CHINA? YES!

Prof. Vinacke, Princeton, Sends "Hurry Up Call."

DENVER, Dec. 20.—"Will you marry me and start at once for China?" read a telegraph message that Miss Edna Lewis of Denver received several days ago from Harold Monk Vinacke, assistant professor of international law at Princeton University.

Without knowing specifically whether Mr. Vinacke was expecting to enlist in the Chinese army or act as special adviser to the Emperor, Miss Lewis replied in the affirmative.

The incentive for the proposal was the recent appointment of Mr. Vinacke to a full professorship in the University of Nan Kai, Tientsin, China. He has resigned his position at Princeton and is en route to Denver, where he will wed Miss Lewis December 30.

MAJOR MOTON APPOINTED PRINCIPAL OF TUSKEGEE

Will Be Installed as Dr. Washington's Successor at Commencement.

TO SPEAK IN NEW YORK

Major Robert H. Moton, who has been connected with the Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., for twenty-five years, was chosen principal of Tuskegee Institute yesterday by the committee of five appointed by the trustees of the institute for the purpose of naming a successor to Booker T. Washington. The choice had been forecast.

Major Moton is 48 years old and a native of Virginia. In 1885 he entered Hampton in the days when it was under the direction of Gen. Armstrong, its founder. Coming into close touch with Gen. Armstrong as a student he followed his advice and became a teacher. His theories in regard to the education of the negro are similar to those Dr. Washington held.

After the meeting of the committee of trustees in the office of Frank Trumbull, chairman of the board of directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, 71 Broadway, in the afternoon the following statement was given out at the home of Seth Low last evening:

"The trustees of Tuskegee Institute at their meeting held at Tuskegee on December 13, 1915, appointed the undersigned committee with power to select the principal, provided it could act unanimously."

"The committee to-day has by unanimous action appointed Major R. H. Moton to be principal of Tuskegee Institute after his installation, which will take place at the commencement next May."

"The meeting of the trustees all the members of the committee have made a very thorough investigation of the subject in all its aspects and they have concluded that by the selection made the policies, aims and attitude of the institute will continue unchanged. They are assured that this appointment will receive hearty cooperation in every quarter."

"In taking this action the committee

\$40 CHARITY HOLDUP ON STOCK EXCHANGE

The Tormented Mr. Buchanan Borrows a Salvation Army Garb and Cashes In.

The Salvation Army made its appearance on the floor of the Stock Exchange yesterday in the shape of George Brigg Buchanan, known as Buck to all his fellow members of the exchange. He has the reputation of being the greatest practical joker of any member of the exchange, but for the last few weeks his friends have been getting even with him.

They have been filling his pockets with iodoforn and when he objected to such treatment and appeared in a new suit of clothes they sprayed iodine over him. Yesterday Buck made up his mind to make his tormentors pay in one way or another. He went to the floor of the exchange and hurried out to New street, where a Salvation Army girl, clad in a red cape, was ringing a bell and soliciting funds for Christmas dinners for the poor. Buck borrowed her cloak, bell and little collection box, and returning to the floor

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has not been unkind of the long devotion and many qualifications of Enmet J. Scott (Mr. Scott has been acting head of Tuskegee since Booker Washington's death) for the position. The problem to be dealt with is a many sided one and it has seemed wise to seek a solution of it that will bring to the work of Tuskegee another forceful personality.

Major Moton has engagements to speak during the month of January for Hampton Institute. He will speak at the memorial meeting for Dr. Washington to be held in Carnegie Hall on the evening of February 11 and from that time until commencement day he will give his services in connection with the Booker T. Washington memorial fund.

The members of the committee are Mr. Low, Mr. Trumbull, Edgar A. Bancroft of Chicago, W. W. Campbell of Tuskegee and Victor H. Tulane, a negro trustee of Montgomery, Ala.

YONKERS LIGHT FIGHT ON.

Chamber of Commerce and Electric Company Fail to Agree.

The attempt to reach an agreement between the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce and the Electric Light and Power Company at hearing yesterday before Commissioners W. T. Emmett and J. O. Carr of the Public Service Commission for the second district on rates for electric current failed.

The Chamber of Commerce, which is contending that the present rates are too high, is asking for a rate at least as low as that paid by Hastings, Tarrytown, New Rochelle and other places similarly situated. It made the proposition that a rebate system be introduced pending settlement of the half million dollar franchise suit whereby if the company would pay the suit it would refund to consumers the difference between the present rate and the lower rate to be fixed by the commission, but it was refused by the company.

Another attempt will be made to agree on a statement of facts at a private meeting on Monday at the office of the New York Edison Company, 130 East Fifty-fourth street, at which the parties will have to decide the legal points only. The hearings before the commission will be resumed on January 16 and will continue on the 15th and 17th.

The Chamber of Commerce was represented yesterday by William Forster, chairman, and several members of the committee on electric current rates, including W. N. Barlow, C. A. Dunaway, Henry Play and Leslie Bryant. The Board of Aldermen was represented by J. S. Oxide, chairman of the committee on street lighting. Albert Bogert, Thomas Tobin, Frederick Stillwell and others. The city and the Mayor of Yonkers were represented by Max Cohen, Assistant Corporation Counsel.

Henry J. Hennings, counsel, Arthur Williams, vice-president, and C. A. Little, vice-president, of the Yonkers Electric Light and Power Company.

Major Grand Bought for Pet.

P. J. Sullivan has disposed of his young Boston terrier, Grady, Mr. Rodde of Washington Heights having just purchased the dog as a pet for his children. This young dog has done a good deal of mischief and will make an ideal dog for the purpose for which Mr. Rodde has obtained him.

UNITE TO FIGHT HIGH N. Y. CENTRAL RATES

Mayors and Village Heads Pick Lennon of Yonkers as Chairman.

YONKERS, N. Y., Dec. 20.—A score of mayors, village presidents and public officials met today in the Yonkers City Hall and organized to fight the proposed increase in the rates of the New York Central Railroad. The conference was called at the request of Mayor James T. Lennon of Yonkers, who has been vigorously opposing the increase of from two cents a mile to two and a half cents, scheduled to take effect on April 1 next.

The delegates from various towns and villages affected by the change elected Mayor Lennon permanent chairman of the committee, and authorized him to appoint a committee of ten to fight hard against the increase. Plans are being made to interest chambers of commerce and other civic organizations in the fight, and to have each town make a formal complaint to the Public Service Commission, which recently postponed the date of the increase from January 1 to April 1. Delegations at meetings of the Public Service Commission will also oppose the railroad's measure.

Mayor E. W. Fiske of Mount Vernon said that he was particularly anxious to beat the increase, because the New Haven railroad also advances its rates if the New York Central was successful.

Among those at the conference were Mayor John P. Corwin of Newburgh, Mayor George R. Lann of Schenectady, President Frank R. Pierson of Tarrytown, President George Reynolds of Hastings, President Frank S. Howland of Albany and President W. C. Lawrence of Ardsley.

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STATE INSURANCE A FAILURE.

Wisconsin Life Plan Impracticable, Says Examiner.

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 20.—That State life insurance as tried by Wisconsin for the past year has failed, says the State Insurance Commissioner, is a big appropriation made to create an agency organization, was the report made today to State Insurance Commissioner M. J. Cleary by his chief actuary, A. Anderson.

Mr. Anderson has made the same kind of an examination of the Wisconsin life fund that he makes of all private insurance companies, and his report declares that if the State life fund were that of a private company he could not issue a license to operate in this State. The actuary's report is a severe rebuke to the State insurance plan, and is a notable record for cleverness at the time that the bill for the State insurance was passed by the Legislature and placed before the Governor for his signature.

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Governor Also Plans New Building to Relieve Crowded Institutions.

ALBANY, Dec. 20.—Representatives of the State Hospital Commission and of the fourteen State hospitals excepting Mohawk—the superintendent of which said word that he was "snowed in"—crowded the Executive Chamber this evening at Gov. Whitman's budget conference to discuss estimates for appropriations for the coming fiscal year.

When the Governor adjourned the hearing he had approved requests for new construction and permanent betterment of the various State hospitals estimated to cost \$1,042,493 out of a total of \$1,748,503 asked.

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AMUSEMENTS.

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